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THE HANKOOK ILBO NEWSPAPER RAN AN EDITORIAL 8/24 HIGHLY CRITICAL
OF THE REPORTED WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM KOREA.
UNDER THE HEADLINES "THE EARLY WITHDRAWAL OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR
WEAPONS IS WRONG" AND "OUR OWN PREPARATIONS ARE MORE VITAL THAN
THE NUCLEAR UMBRELLA", THE EDITORIAL STATES THAT, ALTHOUGH THE
CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS PROMISED TO INCREASE U.S. AIR FORCE
STRENGTH IN THE ROKG AS PARTIAL COMPENSATION FOR THE GROUND
TROOP WITHDRAWAL, EVEN USAF TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS WILL BE
REMOVED. IT WONDERS WHETHER KOREA CAN LIVE WITH ONLY THE "CREED
OF THE NUCLEAR UMBRELLA" AND CONCLUDES "IT IS OUR FRANK BELIEF
THAT THE GOVERNMENT MUST NOT FORGET OUR OWN PRUDENT AND PROPER
PREPARATIONS". ASIDE FROM THE DONGA ILBO COMMENTARY REPORTED
IN REFTTEL, OTHER PAPERS HAVE NOT CARRIED EDITORIALS ON THE SUBJECT.
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